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Sample OIG Report Critical of Lack of Documentation of Award Decisions

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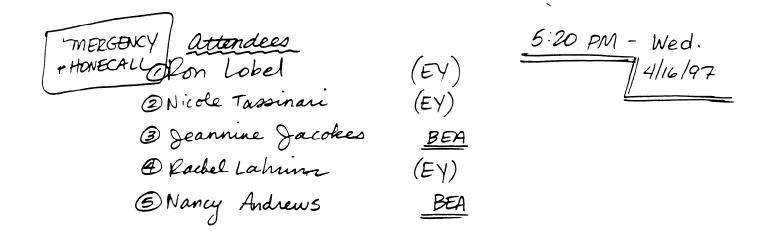
Attached is a relatively recent report Don Bard obtained from the Commerce Department OIG critical of the documentation of award decisions for the Advanced Technology Program. The primary criticisms involve lack of documentation of subsequent discussions after the initial reviews, especially where issues where subsequently resolved or raised.

This is the kind of report we want to avoid at CDFI with respect to the First Round Awards. As discussed yesterday, information is available at CDFI to bridge the gap between initial reviews and final decisions. It just needs to be written up in a concise and effective manner for the files.

Please read over and let me know if you would like us to 1) provide Kirsten. Steve and Valerie with a copy of this report along with a transmittal memo like this and 2) offer to meet with them to go over the report as "lessons learned" from another agency (such a meeting would be part of our CDFI Federal education awareness objective).

Attachment

cc Nicole Tassinari



= Chauman Bancas wrote letter w/ overtions last week (earlier)

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Comments:

Here is an updated table for the CDFI Program Master Award File Review. The changes reflect the progress that CDFI has made in updating the files. Please contact me if you have any questions.

This transmission consists of 4 pages (including cover sheet)

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Notes:

Not applicable at this time

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Note: The rating is a relative rating: relative to the other applications under evaluation by the reviewer, as well as relative to the reviewer's understanding of the industry.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON. D.C.

June 20, 1997

INTERIM CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFI) FUND REVIEWERS

Consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulations' provisions on conflicts of interest, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund has applied, and will continue to apply, a conflict of interest policy with respect to its contract reviewers that avoids a reviewer's participation in the evaluation or process of selection of applications where such participation creates a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest.

This interim policy document memorializes the standards by which the CDFI Fund will determine whether a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest will prevent outside (non-federal government employee) reviewers, hired on contract, from being assigned particular applications and applies to all outside reviewers participating in the evaluation or process of selection for an award of any application to the CDFI Fund. The role of outside reviewers in any CDFI Fund award process is such that outside reviewers will not make decisions about whether an applicant is eligible for, or receives, an award.

A reviewer will be considered to have a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to an application if the reviewer, his or her spouse, parent, dependent child or member of his or her household:

- 1. serves, or in the last year has served, as an officer, director, trustee, partner, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor, or employee of that applicant, or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of that applicant;
- 2. is negotiating, or has an arrangement concerning, prospective employment (or other similar association) with that applicant, or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of that applicant;
- 3. has a financial interest in the CDFI Fund's action with respect to the application which would, if held by a government employee, constitute a "financial interest" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. section 208. (Such "financial interests" arise from, but are not limited to, receipt of salaries or fees paid by, and interests in equity or other securities issued by, the applicant or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of the applicant.);
- 4. has provided assistance to the applicant in the preparation of its application or otherwise facilitated the submission of the application;

5. serves, or has served, during the preparation of the application or the pendency of the CDFI Fund award process in which the application is being considered, as an officer, director, trustee, partner, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor or employee of an entity that either (1) has provided assistance in the preparation of the application or otherwise facilitated the submission of the application or (2) has a financial interest in the CDFI Fund's action with respect to the application.

The Director of the CDFI Fund may determine, in consultation with appropriate ethics officials, that a reviewer who has a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to a particular application should not be assigned other applications as well. Factors to be considered in making such determinations include: the nature of the conflict or appearance of conflict; the importance of the reviewer's role in reviewing such other applications; the nature of such other applications; the relationship, if any, of such other applications to the application presenting the conflict or the appearance of a conflict; and the difficulty of assigning such applications to a different reviewer.

All reviewers must sign a conflict of interest certification and complete a confidential disclosure statement of relevant affiliations, employment and financial interests prior to being assigned to review any applications.

If, at any time during a CDFI Fund award process, a reviewer learns that he or she might have a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to an application involved in such process, he or she must inform the Legal Counsel to the CDFI Fund immediately.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Conflict of Interest Certification for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund Reviewers

I. the undersigned reviewer of an application(s) to the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, hereby certify that, except as described on Schedule A attached hereto, I do not have a conflict of interest and that my particular circumstances are not likely to create the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to any application in a CDFI Fund award process in which I am a participant. For purposes of this certification, I recognize that I shall be considered to have a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to an application if I, my spouse, parent, dependent child or any member of my household;

- serves, or in the last year has served, as an officer, director, trustee, partner, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor, or employee of that applicant, or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of that applicant;
- 2. is negotiating, or has an arrangement concerning, prospective employment (or other similar association) with that applicant, or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of that applicant;
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I recognize that this certification is a continuing representation. I acknowledge that it is in effect at all times until I have completed all of the work to be performed by me in connection with my review of applications to the CDFI Fund.

If, at any time during a CDFI Fund award process, I learn that I might have a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to an application involved in the process, I shall inform the Legal Counsel to the CDFI Fund immediately.

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Schedule A

1. In my spouse, parent, dependent child or a member of my household serves, or in the last year has served, as an officer, director, trustee, partner, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor, or employee of the following applicant(s), or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of the applicant(s).
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I, my spouse, parent, dependent child or a member of my household has a financial interest in the CDFI Fund's action with respect to the following application(s) which would, if held by a government employee, constitute a "financial interest" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. section 208. (Such "financial interests" arise from, but are not limited to, receipt of salaries or fees paid by, and interests in equity or other securities issued by, the applicant(s) or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate organization of the applicant(s).)
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